

ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS FACILITATION MEETING

MINUTES

A meeting of the stakeholders who have an interest in Onsite Sewage Systems met on June 22, 2009, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Dr., Richmond, Virginia, with the following parties present:

Rick Blackwell, PE, Virginia Society for Professional Engineers (arrived 8:50am)
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
Justin Garofalo, Board Administrator, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board
Stanley Harris, PE, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, Board Member
Robert Hicks, Office of Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
Allen Knapp, Office of Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
Robert Mayer, PE, American Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Kathleen Nosbisch, Executive Director, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects
E. Brooke Philpy, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board, Board Member
Joel Pinnix, PE, American Council of Engineering Companies/Virginia

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Carol Mitchell, Dispute Resolution Manager
Erin Simon, ADR Coordinator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

The meeting commenced at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Mitchell welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She reviewed the purpose of the meeting, the guidelines and the facilitation process.

Call to Order

There were no comments made to the stakeholders.

Public Comment Period

Significant discussion during the facilitation meeting addressed: the advantages and disadvantages of adding additional language following §54.1-402.A.11 of the *Code of Virginia*; the language proposed at the previous meeting; product testing was again questioned: Who is performing the tests? What is the criterion? Who is setting the standards?; and the suggested formation for a Technical Review Board or Panel for designs of onsite sewage systems. Several letters in support of additional language

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were provided to the stakeholders by Mr. Mayer. These letters were from members of the Virginia Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association and a representative from Bord Na Móna.

The stakeholders took a break from 10:45 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

Break

The minutes of the May 21, 2009, facilitation were amended and approved by consensus.

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The stakeholders decided to postpone their determination until the Virginia Department of Health's new regulations have been written, as the new regulations may address issues that have been focused on during the course of the facilitation meetings. The stakeholders may perhaps reconvene for discussion in 2011. This was agreed by consensus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary